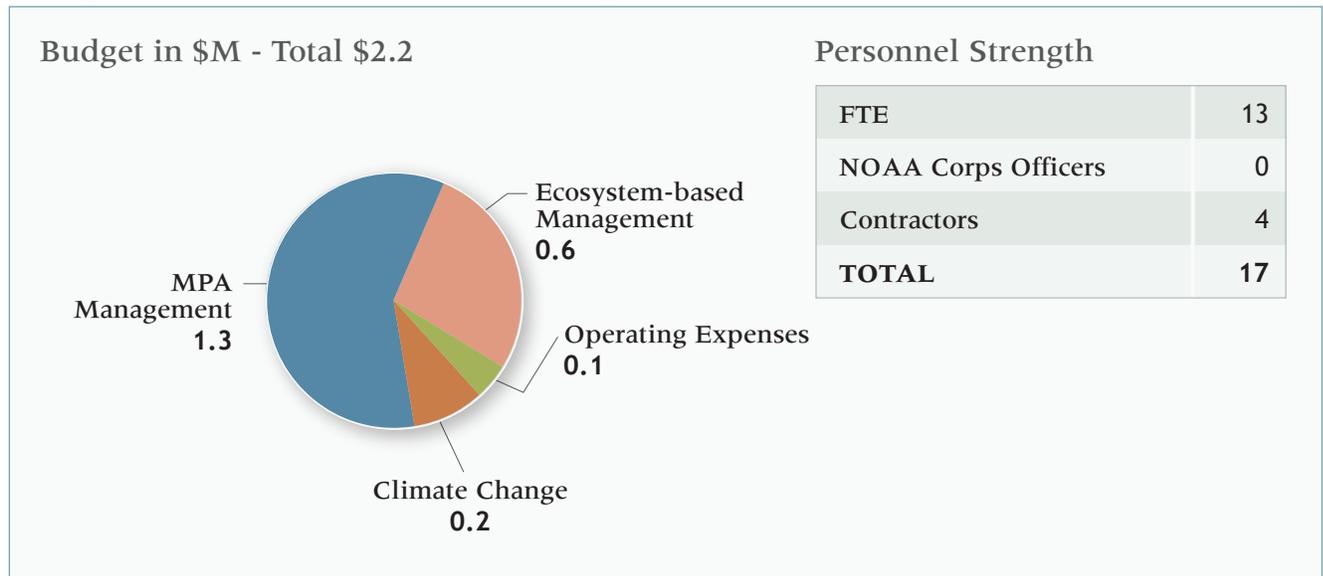


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Program Highlights

- **IPO is leading the development of the Marine Protected Area (MPA) program** for the World Parks Congress, scheduled for September 2003 in Durban, South Africa.
- **IPO is working with international partners** to publish a guidebook of methods to evaluate MPA management effectiveness.
- **IPO is working with the World Heritage Center** to identify tropical marine sites that should be considered for World Heritage designation.
- **IPO is leading the development of an international training methodology** for conducting socio-economic assessments in coastal communities.
- **IPO promotes local conservation efforts** globally through the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program, which supported nine projects worldwide in FY2003.
- **IPO is working with the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)** to address climate change adaptation in the Caribbean.
- **IPO is working with China, Vietnam, Korea, and South Africa** to promote ecosystem-based management and build capacity of existing MPAs within a comprehensive coastal management framework.